

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration.

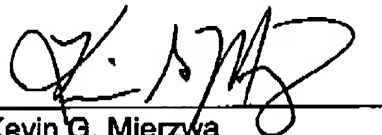
Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that measured vehicle conditions are generated from the plurality of sensors. This provides antecedent basis to the "measured vehicle conditions" set forth in the second paragraph of the claim. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added by this claim. This amendment has been made for clarification and not for allowance since this claim has already been allowed.

Claim 15 has been rewritten above in independent form. This claim was previously deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form. However, claim 15 has been cancelled and the subject matter of claim 15 has been added to claim 13.

In light of the above remarks, applicants submit that all objections and rejections are now overcome and the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to deposit account 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,



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